

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES**

**6/7/2011**

### **Members Present:**

**Lou Battistella, Acting Chair  
Duane Stein  
George "Sonny" Vincent  
Bob Browning  
Paul Harmon  
Rick Harding  
Brad Frantz**

### **Guests:**

**Dick Bolt, citizen  
Wayne Tiemersma, QA-QI  
Steve Smith, 9-1-1 Supervisor  
Adam Getty, Garrett Medical  
Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS  
Jim Raley, County Commissioner**

**The meeting was called to order by Lou Battistella, sitting as chairman for Ed McLellan at 4:00 P.M.**

**The minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Sonny Vincent motioned to approve, second by Paul Harmon. The motion carried unanimously.**

**There was discussion relating to posting draft minutes on the web-site. Procedurally, according to Robert's Rules of Order, minutes should not be posted until approved. However, as a board that serves at the pleasure of the County Commissioners, it was suggested that the ESB seek the Commissioner's opinion on this.**

**The issue of solicitation by volunteer squads and fire departments was raised again. Wayne Tiemersma pointed out that the rescue squads accept each other's memberships, so solicitation or donations outside of assigned running area is a moot point. Solicitation areas DO NOT affect assigned response areas.**

**Steve Smith, Communications Supervisor, reviewed response areas with Fire Departments and EMS. He updated on recent changes not reflected on attached maps. Steve also reported on average response times from the period of April 1 to present (June 6). It was noted that standards for response times are based on time of alert to time on scene.**

**Rick Harding and Adam Getty discussed the possibility of Garrett Medical Transport being recognized as 2<sup>nd</sup> due for Southern Rescue on a limited basis, based on response area and crew status. It was suggested that Rick review with Southern Rescue Board before seeking ESB endorsement.**

**Brad raised the issue of implementation of LOSAP, particularly as it related to the county's point system and overseeing and monitoring of LOSAP. This was supposed to have been done by the now vacant position of Emergency Services Coordinator. There was discussion about the points system, the Coordinator position and the current status of LOSAP. Brad recommended that the county continue to accept the existing tax incentive criteria until such time as there is some means to provide coordination and verification of LOSAP information**

provided by the volunteer companies.. He also mentioned the possibility of filling the Coordinator position internally from paid EMS providers. Wayne Tiemersma has already taken on some added responsibilities with QA-QI. Paul Harmon made a motion to send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting consideration of funding for the ES Coordinator position. The motion was seconded by Duane Stein and carried with one abstention.

Wayne Tiemersma gave a report on the end of the year activities with the Emergency Services high school clubs, including a field trip to Baltimore to see the Shock Trauma Center, MIEMSS Communications and Baltimore City (Fire Department (Steadman Station). Brad updated on the Southern High Club's involvement with the MFRI First Responder Program.

Brad and Steve updated the board on the progress and timetable of the consolidation project with 9-1-1/law enforcement. Plans are to be in the center by early July.

Brad reported on the successful implementation of the Deep Creek Lake addressing system. It has already assisted in providing a location reported by a boater.

There was general discussion about training requirements and how difficult it is to fill a class in Garrett County because of class size minimum requirements. Bob Browning suggested that the ESB should take a position on this. Brad motioned and Bob seconded to send a letter to MFRI with the County Commissioners endorsement regarding training requirements.

Wayne gave a QA-QI report and indicated that he had reviewed 151 cases via EMAIS, done 27 provider call reviews, 1 incident driven system analysis, 1 public complaint investigation and 131 base station (report reviews (Garrett Memorial) .

With no further business, Bob Browning motioned to adjourn; Sonny Vincent seconded and motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30.